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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on October 23 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Revised Amendment Practice 37 CFR 1.121

Strict compliance is mandatory - all amendments filed on or after July 30, 2003 must comply with the revised 37 CFR 1.121, except amendments to the specification and claims filed in reissue applications and reexamination proceedings. In reply to the Notice, applicant must submit a **corrected claim listing** that includes a proper status identifier for each claim.

The status identifier of claim 47, "Previously withdrawn by the Examiner" is improper.

The seven (7) permissible status identifiers and their definitions, are:

1. (Original)
2. (Currently amended)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Withdrawn)
5. (Previously presented)
6. (New)
7. (Not entered)

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas C. Barrett whose telephone number is (703) 308-8295. The examiner can normally be reached Tuesday-Friday between 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine McDermott can be reached on (703) 308-2111. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-3580 for regular communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 872-9306.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Barrett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas Barrett
December 23, 2003